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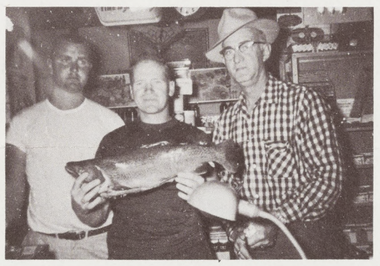

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February–17TH to 23RD 1958
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BAKERSFIELD		55
SAN FERNANDO	(U.S.6)	169
" "	(U.S.99)	140
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" "	(U.S.99)	166
MOJAVE	(U.S.6)	98
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	MOTELS — RESORTS	OWNER	P.O. BOX	TEL.	CAPICITY GUESTS
1	BILL'S HIDEWAY	W.F. NEILSON	W-113		
2	CAMP JAMES (TRAILER)	BERT JAMES	K-		
3	DEAN MOTEL	WINTON DEAN	K-22	K-307	32
4	FAIRVIEW ON THE KERN	W.J. VAN DE VOORDE	K-124		20
5	HAWKS COTTAGE	CARY HAWKINS	K-62	K-175	
6	KERN LODGE MOTEL	W.A. SULING	K-66	K-233	60
7	LAKESHORE MOTEL	FRANK PHILLIPS	W-	K-207	25
8	McCAMBRIDGE LODGE	T. McCAMBRIDGE	K-112-A	K-335	14
9	PASCOE'S LODGE	BILL SOWELL	K-		75
10	RAINBOW MOTEL	BOB SPINDLER	K-36A	K-138	25
11	RIVERKERN LODGE MOTEL	HAWS & METBLACK	K-	K-530	25
12	SEQUOIA MOTOR LODGE	BACH & MEADORS	K-	K-535	27
13	SIESTA MOTEL	JAMES VALDEZ	W-43	K-316	11
14	THUNDERBIRD LODGE	OZZIE LOCKLEAR	K-73A	K-129	8
15	VALLEY VIEW MOTEL	M. CAVANAUGH	K-	K-346	14
16	WALKER'S KERNVILLE INN	ARDIS WALKER	K-46	K-421	38
17	WHISPERING PINES LODGE	W.W. (PAT) MURPHY	K-66A	K-339	34
18	WISHING WELLS MOTEL	DERRALL WELLS	K-474	K-532	36
19	WOFFORD HEIGHTS CLUB	IRVEN L. WOFFORD	W-8	K-9129	

P.O. AND TEL. SYMBOLS — K - KERNVILLE. W - WOFFORD HEIGHTS. I - LAKE ISABELLA.

	RESTUARANT — CAFE	OWNER	P.O. BOX	TEL.
1	THE CORRAL	JAMES & LIBBY WEIR	K-543	K-178
2	COZY CORNER CAFE	GLADYS BARNES	K-552	K-253
3	DARI-DELITE	L. J. KUHNS	W-57	
4	EWING'S ON THE KERN	VERA AND JACK EWING	K-138	K-411
5	MICKEY'S MALT SHOP	PHILLIP M. BUDWORTH	K-142	
6	PINE CONE - RESTAURANT	PIAZZA	K-553	K-251
7	SPORTSMAN'S INN	BROCE AND ESKEWS	K-96A	K-144
8	WOFFORD HEIGHTS CLUB	IRVEN L. WOFFORD	W-8	W-9129

	FOOD MARKETS	OWNER	P.O. BOX	TEL.
1	BOB'S MARKET	JACK G. GRAY	K-562	K-148
2	JAMES STORE	B. CLINTON JAMES	K-36	K-362
3	KERN KORNER STORE	JACK AND DON GRAY	K-	K-148
4	KERNVILLE TRADING POST	PRIMO PAZZELLI	K-456	K-149
5	SIEBERT'S GEN. STORE	L.D. SIEBERT	K-	K-536
6	WOFFORD HEIGHTS MARKET	JOE AND EFFIE HALL	W-145	K-322

	AUTO SERVICE	OWNER	P.O. BOX	TEL.
1	JOHNNIE'S GARAGE	JOHNNIE R. MORRIS	W-42	K-328
2	KERNVILLE GARAGE	GEORGE STENGARDT	K-517	K-121
3	KERNVILLE MOBIL SERVICE	KEN HED	K-121	K-124

	GENERAL BUSINESS	OWNER	P.O. BOX	TEL.
1	HAROLD'S PLUMBING	HAROLD F. YOUNG	K-65	K-152
2	HELEN'S BEAUTY & GIFT SHOP	HELEN HIGHT	W-	K-321
3	C.B. HIPES - PUB. ACCT.	C.P. HIPES	K-144	K-197
4	JIM'S TACKLE SHOP	HARLOW & BARNES	K-518	K-141
5	KERNVILLE DRUG - Prescriptions - FRANK BAHAN		K-458	K-245
6	KERNVILLE HARDWARE CO.	HARLOW & BARNES	K-518	K-146
7	KERN LIQUOR STORE	MELTON & LONGSTREET	K-44	K-122
8	KERNVILLE LUMBER CO.	HENRY MACK	K-	K-332
9	PHOEBE LINK (NOTARY) PUBLIC	PHOEBE LINK	K-131A	
10	PAGE'S JEWELRY	WALT AND EDITH PAGE	K	K-147
11	RAINBOW TROUT FARM	DICK HARLOW	K-126A	K-141
12	SCOTTY'S MARINA		W-74	K-326
13	STANDARD OIL DISTRIBUTOR — JAMES E. WITT		K-	K-361
14	VILLAGE BEAUTY SHOP	MILDRED MOLITOR	K-95A	K-255

	REAL ESTATE	OWNER	P.O. BOX	TEL.
1	KERNVILLE DEVELOPMENT CO. - KNIGHT & BECHTEL		K-84	K-101
2	LLOREE McGUIRE - REALTOR	LLOREE McGUIRE	K-534	K-349
3	WOFFORD HT'S. REAL ESTATE CO.	ROSE PALMROSE	W-146	K-9129
4	PHOEBE LINK - INSURANCE	PHOEBE LINK	K-131A	

	OTHER SERVICES	P.O.	TEL.
1	KERNVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - KERNVILLE		K-333
2	KERN RIVER C. OF C.	LAKE ISABELLA	
3	KERN VALLEY HOSPITAL	WOFFORD HT'S.	K-481-K-483
4	KERNVILLE FIRE DEPT.	KERNVILLE	K-161
5	SHERIFF SUB. STATION	LAKE ISABELLA	K-222
6	CONSTABLE	KERNVILLE	K-271
7	AMBULANCE SERVICE	KERNVILLE	K-161-K-197
8	U.S. FORESTRY	KERNVILLE	K-261

SERVICES OFFERED SHOWN BY SYMBOL — A-B-C ETC.

A SLEEPING CABINS
B HOUSEKEEPING "
C MOTEL - (S) - (H)
D HOTEL ROOMS
E MEALS
F GROCERIES
G MEATS
H GAS STATION
J GARAGE REPAIRS
K TOW CAR
L FISHING SUPPLIES
M BOATS - MOTORS
N PACK TRAIN
O GUIDE SERVICE
P SKI - TOW
Q GENERAL STORE
R DUDE RANCH
S LIQUOR - OFF SALE
T COCKTAIL BAR
U BOAT LANDING
V TRAILER PARK
W CAMP GROUND
X ICE
Y BUTANE - PROPANE
Z FISH FREEZING
a SOUVENIRS
b SPECIAL SVC.
c TRAILER - RENTS
d
e

KERN RIVER VALLEY ROUND-UP

Featured western recreation is afforded by the annual rodeo sponsored by the Lake Isabella Business and Merchant's Association. This two-day event is scheduled for May 10 and 11, 1958, and will feature the best of bronc riders and ropers working with top rodeo stock.

RIVERKERN

Riverkern is situated a short distance above Kernville on a picturesque section of Kern River. This attractive community is closest to the pack stations of upper Kern River from which hikers and horsemen may take never-to-be-forgotten trips into the beautiful primitive area of the Kern Plateau. A short drive from Riverkern skirts resplendent South Creek Falls to Johnsondale, Southern California's largest logging operation.

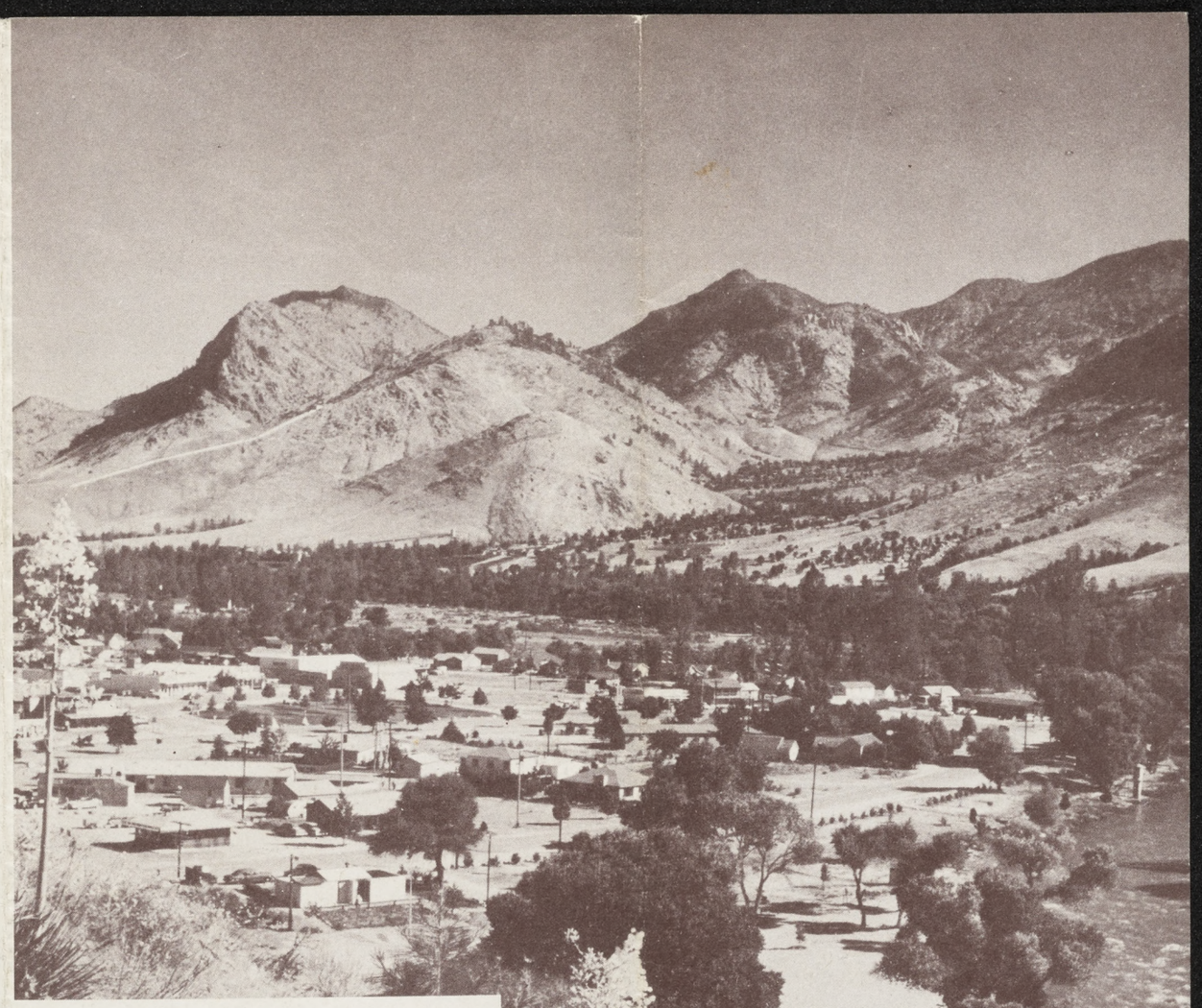
KERNVILLE

The town of Kernville (Whiskey Flat of gold rush days) is located in a beautiful mountain valley through which the waters of Kern River maintain tempting rapids and pools celebrated for their yield of famous rainbow trout. Bordering the banks of the river just above its confluence with Isabella Lake, Kernville offers winter sports, fishing, hunting, swimming, boating and gold rush lore in a land of summer comfort and winter sunshine. Accessible to motorists within a radius of thirty minute's driving time are cactus, snow plant, giant redwoods, hot mineral baths, ghost towns, pack stations and western cattle ranches.

At an elevation of 2650 feet, Kernville is accessible by year-round, snow-free highways. It is free of smog and fog and blest with an unexcelled winter climate.

WOFFORD HEIGHTS

Wofford Heights, a new community built near the shores of Isabella Lake, is within fifteen minute's drive of the famous Shirley Meadow winter sports area on Greenhorn Mountain. The nearby lake, largest artificial body of water in Southern California, is already noted for its production of large trout, bass, croppy and blue-gill. It affords fine winter and summer boating and is open to year around fishing.



POINTS OF INTEREST

TOUR A - HARLEY MINE

This interesting tour represents a 2-mile drive and 7-mile hike up Cannel Meadow trail. It is only for adventuresome and energetic souls who are willing to toil over smooth trails to a spot which is interesting historically with a view which is magnificent. The Harley Mine was worked during the 1860's when Whiskey Flat was in its prime. From the mine dump one can look out over Kern River Valley, Lake Isabella and on to the Coast Range Mountains.

TOUR B - LIMESTONE CAVERNS

A drive of 15 miles to Fairview-on-the-Kern and a hike of two miles along a Forest Service trail takes one to Packsaddle Cave which may be enjoyed and explored. Other caves are located in Bodfish Creek and at the mouth of Erskine Creek approximately 14 miles south of Kernville. Exploration of these latter caves should not be undertaken without proper equipment and knowledge.

TOUR C - GIANT REDWODS

Approximately 33 miles north of Kernville by way of the Kern River highway are to be seen the southernmost groves of giant Sequoias Along the highway the rapids of Kern River are turbulent and picturesque. Other sights include Salmon Creek Falls designated by a Forest Service sign which points to them from the road, South Creek bridge affords a grand view of the river gorge, South Creek Falls skirted by the highway and Johnsondale, Southern California's largest logging camp. The redwoods are not accessable during the winter snow period. They afford a fine summer trip to the Forest Service picnic areas at Redwood Meadow. The highway affords easy access to snow after winter storms.

TOUR D - BULL RUN MINE

Two miles by highway and a two-mile hike by way of an old stage road ends at the picturesque site of the Bull Run mill and smelter. During the roaring "sixties" when this mine was producing more than a million dollars in bullion, a horse stage arrived twice daily from Whiskey Flat.

TOUR E - KERN TROUT HATCHERY

Provides short interesting tour of plant which produces catchable trout for Kern River and Isabella Lake.

TOUR F - BIG BLUE MINE

One of the celebrated gold rush mines of Southern California, the Big Blue, was discovered in 1860 by Lovely Rogers, a miner from the earlier camp of Keysville, who found the rich outcropping of ore while tracking down an errant mule. This discovery resulted in the founding of Whisky Flat, later re-named Kernville. The old workings of the mine remain romantic and historic monuments to the energetic argonauts who wrestled millions in gold from the ledges of the area. This site lies just above the old town of Kernville and about equal distance between the modern towns of Kernville and Wofford Heights, a three-mile drive.

TOUR G - KEYSVILLE

A roaring 49'er camp of the early 1850's Keysville retains in her gulches and on her hills the ancient placer diggings and mine dumps which now serve as colorful monuments to the prodigious lives of the argonauts. On Fort Hill, a California historical site, may be seen remains of the redoubts thrown up by miners in the 50's as a protection against the Indians. The Keys and Mommoth mines are famous producers which still bask in a pioneer atmosphere of quaint buildings and workings. A drive of 12 miles over asphalt will take the tourist to radiating Keysville roads which heighten the urge to explore into our golden past.

TOUR H - GREENHORN MOUNTAIN

The Greenhorn Mountain tour offers a variety of interesting places to cover exploring trips of any length or duration. Within 15 minutes, one can drive over fine roads from the floor of Kern River Valley to the timbered solitude of Greenhorn Mountain. On Shirley Peak, just south of Greenhorn summit pass, are ski-lifts and winter sports accommodations. North of the pass are picnic areas of majestic Sierra scenery, including a grand view of the Kern water shed and Mount Whitney from Panorama Point.

TOUR J - POT HOLES AND PETROGLYPHS

Picturesque pot holes on Kern River below main Isabella Dam are decorated with ancient Indian Petroglyphs. Adjacent to highway.

TOUR K - MINERAL HOT SPRINGS

Scovern Hot Springs, 10 miles, and Miracle Hot Springs 18 miles, celebrated for fine hot mineral water.

TOUR L - HAVILAH

Havilah, established during the Civil War period, became the first county seat of Kern County. The picturesque little town site beside Clear Creek surrounded by jetting dumps and cabins of the old mines which once made gold rush history. A drive of 18 miles over black top roads will be well worth the trouble to those who are interested in gold rush lore.

TOUR M - PIUTE MOUNTAIN

This beautiful mountain tour embraces the ghost camps of Claraville and Kelso Creek. This tour makes an ideal one-day loop trip, going by way of Bodfish and returning by way of Kelso Creek and Weldon.

TOUR N - ISABELLA LAKE

A drive of 8 miles will take the visitor to the main dam above Isabella, which backs the waters of Lake Isabella over the valley toward Weldon and the Wofford Heights-Kernville area. These waters are open to boating and fishing the year around. Fine catches of large trout are the rule throughout the winter months. Bass, croppie, catfish and blue gill are teeming the lake with sport for the warm water angler. During the sunny winter day, the lake is especially enjoyable for boaters, as there is very little wind then as compared to the summer months.

TOUR P - WALKER PASS

This pass lies at the head of the South Fork Valley, an area teeming with the spirit of the old West. Thousands of head of beef cattle are shipped from this valley yearly. Remaining members of the local Indian Tribe are still residents of this area. Walker Pass was discovered in 1833 by Joseph Walker who led a detachment of the Bonneville Expedition over the Sierra Nevados from East to West to discover the Yosemite Valley and famous California Big Trees as well as Walker Pass. This Pass figured in the Gold Rush as one of the escape routes of the Death Valley 49'ers who were trapped in the Valley while seeking a way due West to the gold mines.

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